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(Page 1, clause 2) — Add a new clause 2 as given below:

'2 REFERENCES

2.1 The following standards contain provisions which through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below:

| IS No. | Title | | | |
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| IS 2: 1960 | Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised) | | | |
| IS 269 : 1989 | Specification for 33 grade ordinary Portland cement (fourth revision) | | | |
| IS 383 : 1999 | Specification for coarse and fine aggregates from natural sources for concrete (third revision) | | | |
| IS 456 : 2000 | Code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete (fourth revision) | | | |
| IS 712 : 1984 | Specification for building limes (third revision) | | | |
| IS 1077 : 1992 | Common burnt clay building bricks — Specification (fifth revision) | | | |
| IS 1489 (Part 1): 1991 | Specification for Portland pozzolana cement: Part 1 Flyash based (third revision) | | | |
| IS 1489 (Part 2): 1991 | Specification for Portland pozzolana cement: Part 2 Calcined clay based (third revision) | | | |
| IS 1542 : 1992 | Specification for sand for plaster (second revision) | | | |
| IS 2116 : 1980 | Specification for sand for masonry mortars (first revision) | | | |
| IS 2250 : 1981 | Code of practice for preparation and use of masonry mortar (first revision) | | | |

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| IS No. | Title | | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| IS 4701 : 19 82 | Code of practice for earthwork on canals (first revision) | | | |
| IS 7969 : 1975 | Safety code for handling and storage of building materials | | | |
| IS 9698 : 1995 | Code of practice for lining of canals with polyethylene film (first revision) | | | |
| IS 12894 : 2002 | Pulverized fuel ash — Lime bricks — Specification (first revision) | | | |
| IS 10430 : 2000 | Criteria for design of lined canals and guidance for selection of type of lining (first revision) | | | |
| IS 10646 : 1991 | Specification for canal linings — Cement concrete tiles (first revision) | | | |
| IS 13757 : 1993 | Specification for burnt clay flyash building bricks | | | |
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2.2 Whenever cross references to the above standards appear in the text of the standard, the above-clause shall apply.

(Page 2, clause 3.1) — Substitute the following for the existing clause:

'3.1 Cement — Cement used in the preparation of masonry mortar or cement concrete shall conform to either IS 269, IS 1489 (Part 1), IS 1489 (Part 2) as specified by the engineer-in-charge.'

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(Page 2, clause 3.4) — Substitute 'IS 456' for 'IS: 456 - 1978'.
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(Page 2, clause 3.6) — Substitute the following for the existing clause:

'3.6 Bricks — Bricks shall be in accordance with IS 1077 or IS 12894 or IS 13757.'

(Page 4, clause 4.6) — Substitute 'IS 10646' for 'IS: 10646-1983*'.

General: Delete Notations and relevant footnotes pertaining to Indian Standards and their title and year of publication, wherever occurring in the standard.

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR LINING OF WATER-COURSES AND FIELD CHANNELS

O. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on 31 Mry 1988, after the draft finalized by the Canals and Canal Lining Sectional Committee had been aproved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

0.2 Lining of water-courses not only minimizes the loss of water due to seepage, but also results in achieving considerable economy in land use due to reduction in cross-section of water-courses. Water thus saved may be usefully utilized for extension and improvement of irrigation facilities. Besides, in case of unlined water-courses, there is gradually rise in water table, thereby rendering the tract prone to water logging. Lining ensures stability, rigidity and easy maintenance of water-course at lesser cost. The flatter bed slopes may be achieved which improves the command and eliminates the necessity of JHALLARS (water lifting device). In most cases gravity command becomes available. The filling time of watercourses takes less time and velocity of water is more. There is more equitable distribution of water, and better regulation and management.

PUCCA NAKKAS (openings) eliminates the cause of accidental or intentional breaches. It is an entirely new concept of water management and discipline.

0.2.1 Proper selection of serviceable economical lining at first instance and proper execution of lining work reflects considerably in achieving overall economy on the project. Guidelines with regard to the selection of canal lining for any particular canal/water-course shall be in accordance with IS: 10430-1982*.

0.3 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS: 2-1960†. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Criteria for design of lined canals and guidelines for selection of type of lining.
†Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised).

1. SCOPE

1.1' This standard covers the lining of watercourses and field channels in brick/tile, stone slab/stone masonry, cement concrete, pre-cast concrete slabs and LDPE film along with rigid cover.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 The shape of the lined water-course may generally be rectangular, trapezoidal or semicircular shape. Following are the types of lining:
 - a) Brick/tile lining,
 - b) Composite cement concrete and brick masonry lining,
 - c) Cement concrete in-situ/pre-cast lining,
 - d) Stone slab/stone masonry lining, and
 - e) LDPE film with rigid cover.
- 2.2.1 Earthwork in Non-Compaction Zone It shall be free from shrubs, clods and shall be laid in 150 mm thick layers. Measurements shall be made as in the case of filling and 10 percent deductions may be allowed from actual measured cubical contents. The outer side slope shall depend upon the type soil and height of the fill.

2.2 Compaction of Earthwork Under Bed - Earthwork shall be laid under the bed in 75 mm thick layers and compacted with steel tampers or by other mechanical means at optimum moisture

Note — This type of earthwork shall be applicable for fill at the back of vertical wall only. For other sections, the earthwork shall be in accordance with IS: 4701 - 1982*.

- 2.3 Soil Survey It is to know the type of soil moisture content and dry density attainable along the entire length of water-course or earthen channel.
- 2.4 Lip Cutting After the compact.on, the water-courses/field channels are cut to the final section by removing the extra soil from the bed and from the inner slopes of the banks.
- 2.5 Alignment and Layout Construction bench marks shall be provided at an interval of 100 m with double levelling. The centre line of the water-course/field channel to be marked on pegs at an interval of 6 to 10 m apart longitudinally and shall be so fixed that their tops indicate the correct bottom level of the bed lining.

^{*}Code of practice for earthwork on canals (first revision).

- 2.6 Slope The bed slope of the lined section of the water-course to be adopted is fixed with regard to the designed full supply level at the head of the water-course, the critical level of the field to be irrigated from the water-courses or the branch under consideration subject to the minimum limit of slope of 1.5 cm/100 m length, as far as possible. The permissible tolerance for finished bed level of water-course shall not be more than 1 cm as compared to the designed level.
- 2.7 In case of problematic soils, suitable engineering measures shall be taken.
- 2.8 Free Board 7.5 cm of free board shall be provided above the calculated full supply level.
- 2.9 Sub-Grade The surface over which lining is to rest is called sub-grade. It is to be perfectly true in profile in accordance with the cross-section of the water-course so as to form a firm compacted bed for the lining.
- 2.10 Consistency Consistency of cement mortar shall be in accordance with IS: 2250 1981*.
- 2.11 Setting Setting of cement mortar shall be in accordance with IS: 2250-1981*.
- 2.12 Water Retentivity of Mortar It shall be in accordance with IS: 2250-1981*.
- 2.13 Workability Workability of cement mortar/cement concrete shall be in accordance with IS: 456-1978† or IS: 2250-1981*.

3. MATERIALS

3.1 Cement — Cement used in the preparation of masonry mortar or cement concrete shall conform to either IS: 269-1976‡ or IS: 455-1976§. IS: 1489-1976∥ or IS: 3466-1967¶.

3.2 Aggregate

3.2.1 Fine Aggregate — Sand shall conform to IS: 2116-1980**, IS: 383-1970†† or IS: 1542-1977‡‡.

3.2.2 Coarse Aggregate — It shall conform to IS: 383-1970††.

*Code of practice for preparation and use of masonry

mortars (first revision).

†Code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete
(third revision).

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§Specification for Portland slag cement (third revision). ||Specification for Portland-pozzolana cement (second

revision).

¶Specification for masonry cement (first revision).

**Specification for sand for masonry mortars (first revision).

††Specification for coarse and fine aggregates from natural sources for concrete (second revision).

†‡Specification for sand for plaster (first revision).

3.3 Stone — Stone for stone masonry lining shall be sound, hard and durable so that it shall be able to sustain weathering and water action. It shall be free from laminations, soft spots, cracks, seams and other defects. The stone shall be laid with their smooth surface on top. The dimensions of the stone shall be such that there are minimum number of joints.

- 3.4 Water Water u.ed in masonry work, making concrete, me tar bricks or for other plain or reinforced general construction shall be clear and free from objectionable quantities of deleterious materials and shall conform to IS: 456-1978*.
- 3.5 Storage of Materials It shall be in accordance with IS: 7969-1975†.
- 3.6 Bricks It shall be in accordance with IS: 1077-1986‡.
- 3.7 Lime It shall conform to IS: 712-1984§.

4. PROCEDURE FOR LINING

4.1 Earthwork

4.1.1 Excavation — The centre line shall first be pegged out and marked with DAGH BEL or dimension lines as per designed L-section of channel. All curves shall be properly laid down and the lines indicating the top of the cutting or the toe of the embankments shall then be set out. These lines shall be ascertained from the X-section of the existing ground work and finished work. Reference pegs shall also be driven into the ground.

4.1.1.1 Before commencing construction work, complete profiles of the compacted portion of the bed and embankments indicating finished section shall be set up at 150 metres apart or at such intervals as required due to the physical condition. These profiles shall be 3 metres in length along the alignment. Ends of the profile banks shall be stepped so that proper bond shall be achieved with earthfill laid afterwards. When the side slope in existing surface is more than 1:4, the ground shall be trenched or stepped to have solid embankments. Manual excavation in cutting for channels shall be carried out in 610 to 1 525 mm lifts. Special precautions shall be taken to ensure that excavation may be drained properly to prevent accumulation of water or formation of rain cuts. No excavated material shall be placed within 900 1.1m from the edge of any trench. All gangways, paths and steps shall be kept within

(fourth revision). §Specification for building limes (third revision).

^{*}Code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete (third revision).

[†]Safety code for handling and storage of building materials.

‡Specification for common burnt clay building bricks

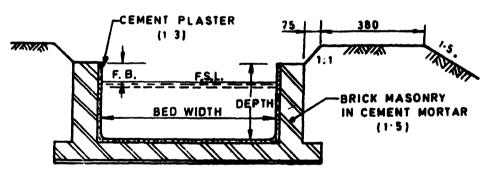
the section so that their removal in the end leaves the section true to design. In case of deep excavations, proper shuttering shall be done to avoid collapsing of trench.

- 4.1.1.2 Borrow pits shall be used for obtaining soils for earthfills only where absolutely unavoidable. No borrow pits shall be dug within 5 metres of the final section of the embankments, after making due allowance for future development. All borrow pits shall be dug to maximum depth of 300 mm only.
- 4.1.1.3 All mud, slush and decay or other vegetation shall be excluded from the filling and clods of broken earth. The filling shall be placed in continuous horizontal layers of 75 mm thickness for hand compaction. Water shall be sprinkled on each layer and thoroughly rammed before the next one is laid. Filling shall be started from the outer edges working towards the centre in slightly concave layers and dressed to the desired cross-section of the channel. Earthfills shall be free from lenses, pockets, streaks or layers of material differing in texture. No filling shall be commenced without the permission of the engineer-in-charge.
- 4.2 Brick Lining Bricks required for brick work shall be according to the specifications laid in 3.6 and shall be soaked in clear water immediately before use for one hour or till the complete cessation of air bubbles, whichever is later. They shall be kept free from sand and silt. The bricks shall be laid in English bond with frogs upward.

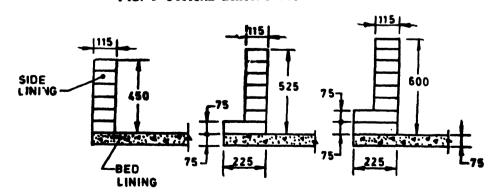
Half or cut bricks should be used only where required near the end of the walls (see Fig. 1).

- 4.2.1 Section of the Side Walls The width of the side walls shall be 115 mm for height up to 450 mm (6 courses). For height of the side walls of 525 mm (7 courses), the first course shall be of one full brick, that is, 225 mm width and 75 mm height. The width of the remaining six courses of the side wall shall be 115 mm. For the height of side wall of 600 mm (8 courses), the first two courses shall be of full bricks, that is, the width will be 225 mm and the height will be 150 mm. The width of the remaining 6 courses will be 115 mm (see Fig. 2).
- 4.3 Composite Cement Concrete and Brick Masonry Lining Following are the two methods for carrying out the lining work:
 - a) A bed of 50 mm thick 1:3:6 cement concrete is laid over 100 microns LDPE film conforming to IS:9698-1980*. Side walls are constructed in brick masonry in 1:4 cement sand mortar (without plaster) or 1:5 cement sand mortar (with plaster). The inside and top of these vertical walls should be finished with 10 mm thick 1:3 cement sand plaster (see Fig. 3).
 - b) Brick masonry in 1:5 cement sand mortar (with plaster) or 1:4 cement sand mortar

^{*}Code of practice for lining of canals with low density polyethylene film.

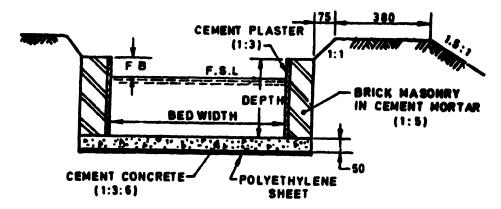


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FIG. 1 TYPICAL BRICK MASONRY SECTION



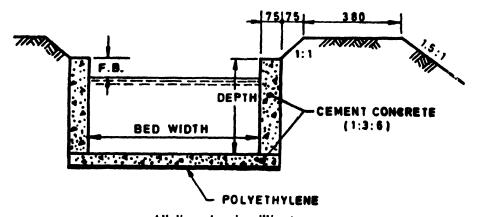
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FIG. 2 TYPICAL SECTION OF SIDE WALLS



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 3 TYPICAL CEMENT CONCRETE AND BRICK MASONRY SECTION



All dimensions in millimetres.
FIG. 4 TYPICAL CEMENT CONCRETE SECTION

(without plaster) on the sides and 5 cm thick 1:3:6 cement concrete in the bed should be laid over 1.5 to 2.0 cm thick subgrade of slate pieces/100 microns LDPE film

4.4 Cement Concrete Lining — 50 mm thick 1:3:6 cement concrete should be laid in the bed over a 100 micron LDPE film. The vertical side walls should be constructed with 75 mm thick 1:3:6 cement concrete. In case LDPE film is not being used, 75 mm thick 1:3:6 cement concrete shall be laid (see Fig.-4).

4.5 Stone Slab/Stone Masonry Lining

4.5.1 Stone Masonry Lining — Stone shall be free from laminations, soft spots, etc. Stone masonry should be laid in 1:2:8 mortar (1 cement:2 lime:8 stone dust) or 1:5 (1 cement:5 sand mortar). The joints should be raked and pointed with 1:3 cement (see Fig. 5).

4.5.2 Stone Slab Lining — Stone slab used for the bed shall have thickness of 25 mm. Stone slab should be laid in 1:2:8 mortar (1 cement: 2 lime:8 stone dust) or 1:5 (1 cement:5 sand mortar). All the joints shall be raked and pointed. Masonry on the sides shall be laid in 1:2:8 cement lime/1:4 cement sand mortar. The remaining courses of side walls may be laid in 1:4 cement sand mortar.

4.6 Pre-Cast Cement Concrete Lining — It shall be in accordance with IS: 10646-1983*.

4.7 Strength Development — Strength development is an important requirement before masonry/concrete is loaded to the full extent. The rate of construction shall synchronize with the development of strength, particularly in weak mixes. Extreme care shall be taken by putting the earth work behind the lining. Initially about 50 percent of the quantity of earthwork or up to 75 percent of the height shall be done. After a couple of runs of water in the lined water-course, the remaining earthwork may be completed and dressed.

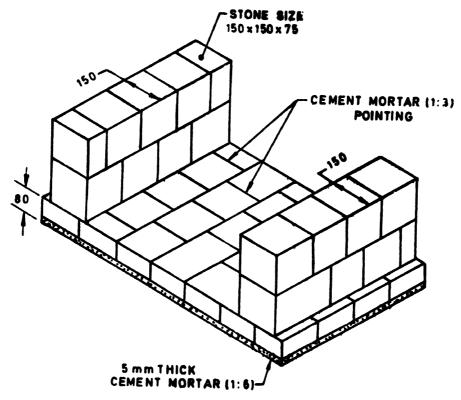
5. TESTING

5.1 The lining work constructed as explained in 4 shall be tested for leakage by filling the lined portion with available water. The points where some leakage is indicated shall be marked. These shall then be treated by raking and filling the joints on both sides of the side lining properly, wherever possible.

6. TURN-OUT FOR NAKKA

6.1 It is a structure capable of diverting the

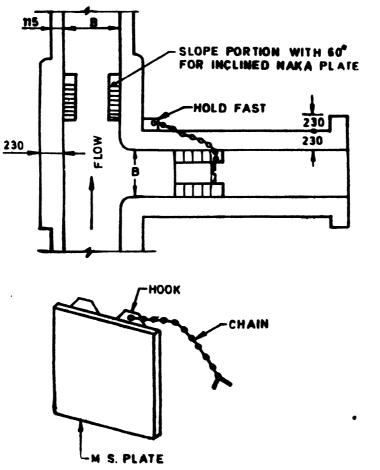
^{*}Specification for comp essed precast cement concrete lines for canal linings.



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All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 5 STONE MASONRY LINING

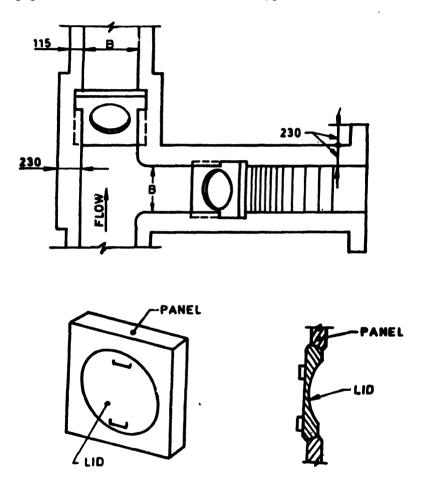


All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 6 TYPICAL DESIGN OF M.S. PLATE Nakka STRUCTURE

entire stream of water from the water-course to the *chaks* or from the field channels. These channels shall be strong because the farmers have tendency to dig and use earth around this structure to control leakage at gate point and thus unknowingly weaken the structure.

- **6.2** Following are the two most common types of *nakka* plates:
 - a) Steel Nakka Steel nakka plate is provided with handles (one or two depending on the size) and a chain with angle piece at the end having split sicks which is embedded
- into the masonry of the nakka structure so as to avoid pilferage. The steel nakka is fixed at an angle of 60°. A typical steel nakka is shown in Fig. 6.
- b) Circular Nakka It consists of a panel and a lid. The panel is fixed into the masonry of nakka structure at an angle of 60°. The lid is fixed into the panel after a couple of rotary motions. This is a water tight arrangement and practically no earth is required to control the seepage. A typical circular nakka is shown in Fig. 7.



PRECAST PANEL AND LID

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 7 TYPICAL DESIGN OF CIRCULAR Nakka STRUCTURE

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